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1. IN VIEW OF DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED BY PAN AMERICAN AND THE REFUSAL OF THE LIBERIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM WILLIAM DENNIS JR., TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASES IN CARGO AND PASSENGER FLIGHTS WHICH PAN AM PROPOSES TO INAUGURATE MAY 1, DEPT BELIEVES IT ADVISABLE TO EXPRESS TO GOL OFFICIALS OUR INTEREST IN OBTAINING AN EARLY AND AMICABLE RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES. AN AIDE MEMOIRE TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN ADVANCE OF VISIT BY PAN AM SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FLANEGIN TO GOL OFFICIALS MAY ASSIST IN REACHING SOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES. FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT MAY BE HELPFUL.

2. AIDE MEMOIRE.

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IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT OFFICIALS OF PAN AMERICAN WORLD

AIRWAYS AND AIR LIBERIA ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN TALKS
AIMED AT WORKING OUT APPROPRIATE DETAILS OF A COOPERATIVE

ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO CARRIERS. SEVERAL ISSUES
REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED AND AT SUCH TIME AS AN AGREEMENT
IS REACHED IT WILL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIRED PROCEDURES
BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR REVIEW. IN THE MEANWHILE PAN
AMERICAN HAS RECEIVED AN ORDER WHICH WOULD DISAPPROVE
SCHEDULES THE AIRLINE PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE AS OF
MAY 1, 1975. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE SCHEDULES
INCLUDE PROVISION FOR AN ADDITIONAL WEEKLY ROUND-TRIP
CARGO FREQUENCY AND AN ADDITIONAL ROUND-TRIP PASSENGER
FREQUENCY PER WEEK.

IN VIEW OF THE LONG HISTORY OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
PAN AMERICAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA WHICH WE
HOPE HAS BEEN FAVORABLY VIEWED AS A CONTRIBUTION TO
LIBERIA'S DEVELOPMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO INSURE
THAT THERE CONTINUES TO BE AN APPROPRIATE BASIS ON
WHICH TO DEVELOP FURTHER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS SUCH
AS THE ONES PRESENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN AIR
LIBERIA AND PAN AMERICAN, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF
FAVORABLE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN ON PAN AMERICAN'S SCHED-
ULES TO BE EFFECTIVE MAY 1. KISSINGER

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